

**ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**Meeting of November 2, 2023**

**To: The Honorable Brandi Gabbard, Chair, and Members of City Council**

**Subject:** Requesting permission to accept the awarded Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Division of Administration (Contract #29916) for tree planting in the Childs Park Neighborhood. The awarded grant total is \$49,617 with a 1:1 match of \$49,617 that will be funded through the Office of Sustainability and Resilience Urban Forestry Budget. The total Childs Park tree planting and maintenance project cost will be up to \$100,000.

**Explanation:** The City of St. Petersburg was awarded a FDACS 2022 Urban and Community Forestry Grant on February 17, 2023, in the amount of \$49,617 to plant up to 268 shade trees. The trees will be planted in the St. Petersburg rights of way in front of residences to reduce heat island effects and improve community health in this neighborhood. The Office of Sustainability and Resilience will provide the required 1:1 match (\$49,617) from budgeted 2023 Urban Forestry funds for a project total of \$99,234. The project will be completed by March 31, 2024.

The Office of Sustainability and Resilience Department is requesting City Council approval to accept the awarded grant funds of \$49,617 from Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

**Attachments:** Grant Award email, Federal Financial Assistance Subrecipient Agreement, FDACS Internal Contract Route Slip

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES (“DEPARTMENT”) IN AN AMOUNT OF \$49,617 FOR THE CITY’S CHILDS PARK TREE PLANTING PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS TRANSACTION; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,617 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND (0001), RESULTING FROM THESE ADDITIONAL GRANT REVENUES, TO THE PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY DIVISION (040-1251), CHILDS PARK TREE PLANTING PROJECT (TBD); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, trees reduce heat island effects and improve community health in the Childs Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration applied for and was awarded a grant from the Department in an amount of \$49,617 to provide funding for the City’s Childs Park Tree Planting Project, which will plant shade trees in St. Petersburg rights of way in front of residences in the Childs Park Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability and Resilience will provide the required 1:1 match of \$49,617, funded through the Office of Sustainability and Resilience Urban Forestry Budget; and

WHEREAS, City Administration recommends approval of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to accept a grant from the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (“Department”) in an amount not to exceed \$49,617 for the City’s Childs Park Tree Planting Program and to execute a grant agreement with the Department and all other documents necessary to effectuate this transaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional grant revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for fiscal year 2024:

General Fund (0001)  
Public Works Administration Department,  
Sustainability and Resiliency Division (040-1251)  
Childs Park Tree Planting Project (TBD) \$49,617

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

LEGAL:

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DEPARTMENT:

*Claude D. Tankersley*  
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Public Works Administrator

BUDGET:

*Jim Chism*  
Elizabeth M. Makofske, Director  
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